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SUBJEC: NAMIBIA: SHIPANGA'S RETURN; NAMIBIA DAY

1. AUGUST 28 PRESS GAVE INTERIOR PAGE COVERAGE OF ANDREAS SHAPANGA'S RETURN TO NAMIBIA AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS IN EXILE. SHIPANGA, WHO ARRIVED SATURDAY RATHER THAN SUNDAY OR MONDAY AS EARLIER EXPECTED, WAS REPORTED BY THE RAND DAILY MAIL TO HAVE SAID THAT 1800 NAMIBIANS WERE BEING HELD IN THREE ZAMBIAN "CONCENTRATION CAMPS." HE ALLEGEDLY CLAIMED THAT RELEASE OF THOSE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE A "SERIOUS IMPACT" ON SAM NUJOMA'S SUPPORT INSIDE NAMIBIA. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ATHISAARI HAD A RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING IN TOUCH WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE ALLEGED DETAINEES.

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2. AFRIKAANS SUNDAY NEWSPAPER RAPPORT AND MONDAY DIE TRANSVALER INDICATED THAT SHIPANGA HAD CALLED FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF HERMAN YA TOIVO FROM ROBBER ISLAND SO THAT HE COULD JOIN EITHER THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL BRANCH OF SWAPO. BOTH PAPERS ALSO REPORT HIM ASKING FOR THE "FREEING OF POLITICAL

PRISONERS" IN NAMIBIA.

3. THE RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTS THAT A CROWD OF ABOUT 3000 IN KUTUTURA TOWNSHIP, WINDHOEK HEARD A MESSAGE FROM SAM NUJOMA PROMISING A CONTINUATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL THE LAND WAS "LIBERATED." THE MESSAGE ALSO ALLEGEDLY PROMISED THAT SWAPO WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS UNTIL SA FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM NAMIBIA.

4. NO MENTION WAS MADE IN THE SA PRESS OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY SWAPO IN LUANDA (AND CARRIED BY FBIS, DATELINE HAVANA) WHICH CLAIMED THAT ITS TROOPS HAD KILLED 600 SA SOLDIERS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.
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